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MAIL SERVER") Date: February 21, 2002

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, it is respectfully requested that the following amendments be made to the Claims:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please replace original Claim 7 with amended Claim 7, which is set forth below. (Appendix A, which is enclosed herewith, shows how original Claim 7 was amended to produce amended Claim 7.)

7. (Amended) An electronic mail processing system according to claim 1, wherein said plurality of terminals include portable terminals each provided with a function to send and receive the email messages by radiocommunication via base stations.

Please add the following new claims:

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13. (New) An electronic mail processing system according to claim 2, wherein said plurality of terminals include portable terminals each provided with a function to send and receive the email messages by radiocommunication via base stations.

14. (New) An electronic mail processing system according to claim 3, wherein said plurality of terminals include portable terminals each provided with a function to send and receive the email messages by radiocommunication via base stations.

15. (New) An electronic mail processing system according to claim 4, wherein said plurality of terminals include portable terminals each provided with a function to send and receive the email messages by radiocommunication via base stations.

16. (New) An electronic mail processing system according to claim 5, wherein said plurality of terminals include portable terminals each provided with a function to send and receive the email messages by radiocommunication via base stations.

17. (New) An electronic mail processing system according to claim 6, wherein said plurality of terminals include portable terminals each provided with a function to send and receive the email messages by radiocommunication via base stations.

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment amends 7 so that this claim is no longer multiply dependent in order to reduce the official fees due in connection with this application. New claims 13-17 are added to provide similar coverage. The Applicants may elect to amend Claim 7 to make this claim again multiply dependent, or to add

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additional claims to this application to provide coverage similar to, broader than, or narrower than the present claims at any time during the pendency of the above-identified U.S. application.

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Enclosure: Appendix A (1 page)